

Memorandum

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Ref: **2004 EXCELLENCE IN TRANSPORTATION AWARDS**

SUMMARY:

The 2004 Excellence in Transportation Awards winning projects are selected from projects produced by the Department of Transportation (Department) as well as projects developed by local and regional transportation organizations and consultant firms. A panel of judges, experts in the transportation industry, review and assess the projects to determine those that exemplify excellence. At one time or another, all or a component of each project came before the California Transportation Commission (Commission) for approval of funding. To celebrate the excellence in transportation that these projects provide for the traveling public and the communities that house them, a Powerpoint presentation will be presented at the meeting showing pictures of the outstanding projects, with acknowledgement to contributing agency and panel of judges.

BACKGROUND:

Since 1986, the Excellence in Transportation Awards program has recognized outstanding design, construction, technology innovation, environmental planning, and transportation system operation. Winners are selected from a field of entrants in thirteen categories by an independent panel of jurors, all experts in the transportation industry. The competition is open to local and public agencies, Department Districts, as well as private sector consultants. The awards are presented to winners by the Department Districts in which the project resides.

A list of winning projects and organizations follows:

INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION

BART-SFO Extension Project

- BART San Francisco International Airport Extension Organization

Metrolink Tier II Station, North Main Corona

- Caltrans, District 8
- Riverside County Transportation Commission
- City of Corona Redevelopment Agency

THE HIGHWAY (RURAL)

Cuesta Grade

- Caltrans District 5
- San Luis Obispo Council of Governments
- Modern Continental/Roadway A Joint Venture
- California Highway Patrol

Cushing Creek

- Caltrans District 1
- The Sierra Club
- Redwood National and State Park
- Save-the-Redwoods League

THE HIGHWAY (URBAN)

Bayfront Expressway Widening

- Caltrans District 4

Route 101 Widening

- Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
- County of Santa Clara
- Caltrans District 4
- RGW Construction, Inc.

MAJOR STRUCTURES

The Shaw/Marks Grade Separation

- City of Fresno
- Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway
- Agee Construction Company, Inc.
- Parsons Brinkerhoff

San Mateo-Hayward Bridge Trestle Widening Project

- Caltrans District 4
- Bay Area Authority

THE ENVIRONMENT

The New Benicia-Martinez Bridge Pile Driving Operations

- Caltrans District 4

TRANSPORTATION RELATED FACILITIES

H. Dana Bowers Roadside Rest Area

- Caltrans District 4
- National Park Service Organizations
- Golden Gate Bridge
- Highway and Transportation Department
- The Lone Sailor Memorial Committee

Berkeley's Bay Trail

- City of Berkeley
- Dept. of Parks, Recreation and Waterfront
- Caltrans District 4
- Citizens for an East Shore State Park
- Bauman Landscape

SYSTEM OPERATIONS

Bay Area Incident Response System (BAIRS)

- Caltrans District 4
- California Highway Patrol

SAFETY

SAC 160 Delta Guard Rail

- Caltrans District 3, North Region

Life Sentence – Driver's Education Video

- Caltrans Videography
- Federal Railroad Administration
- Operation Lifesaver
- Rothschild, Wishek and Sands

HISTORIC PRESERVATION CULTURAL ENHANCEMENT

H. Lee House

- Caltrans District 11
- Federal Highways Administration
- City of Lemon Grove
- SANDAG

MAINTENANCE

Recycled Glass Mulch

- Caltrans District 4
- California Department of Conservation
- Strategic Materials, Inc.
- California Conservation Corps

CONTEXT SENSITIVE SOLUTIONS

Fairview Roundabout

- Alameda County Public Works

**Chicano Park – Seismic Retrofit of San Diego-
Coronado Bay Bridge**

- Caltrans District 11
- Chicano Park steering Committee
- Molly Lambert Architectural Conservation
- PCL Constructors

INNOVATION

CRMCrete Weed Barrier

- Caltrans District 2

PUBLIC AWARENESS

I-5/805 Widening, “The Merge”

- Caltrans District 11 Public Affairs

JUDGE’S SPECIAL RECOGNITION

for Excellence in Partnering

Recycling of Acacia Trees (Food for the Zoo)

- Caltrans District 4, Oakland Oak Knoll Zoo

JUDGE’S SPECIAL RECOGNITION

for Technology Solutions

**Intermodal and Jurisdictional Integrated Network
Environment (IMAJINE) Project**

- Caltrans District 7
- Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA)
- Access Services Incorporated (ASI)
- City of South Gate